

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 6636

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LCO No. 4450



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by: (JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE FROM AN INTOXICATED OR INCAPACITATED VICTIM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (Effective from passage) (a) The Commission on the
- 2 Standardization of the Collection of Evidence in Sexual Assault
- 3 Investigations created pursuant to section 19a-112a of the general
- 4 statutes shall consider whether the provisions of said section should be
- 5 amended to permit the timely collection of sexual assault evidence
- 6 from an apparent victim of a sexual assault who is unable to provide
- 7 the consent required by said section because such victim is intoxicated
- 8 or otherwise incapacitated.
- 9 (b) Not later than February 1, 2014, the commission shall submit a
- 10 report on its recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
- 11 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
- 12 judiciary in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes. If the
- 13 commission recommends that amendments to said section be enacted
- 14 to permit such collection of sexual assault evidence from an apparent
- victim of a sexual assault who is unable to provide such consent, the

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- 16 commission shall recommend such other amendments to the general
- 17 statutes that the commission deems necessary to permit such
- 18 collection.

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | | ing |
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| Section 1 | from passage | New section | |

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commission on the Standardization of the Collection of Evidence in Sexual Assault Investigations to study whether to amend the sexual assault evidence collection protocol to permit the collection of forensic evidence from a victim of a sexual assault who is unable to provide consent because such victim is intoxicated or otherwise incapacitated in order to ensure that evidence is collected in a timely manner and not lost.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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